

House Resolution No. 3288

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements in life; and

Whereas, Ralph Clayton of Caruthersville attained considerable distinction during his many years as general manager of the Democrat-Argus newspaper, a professional endeavor which began in 1966 and ended eleven years ago when he joined family-owned Pemiscot Office Supply; and

Whereas, on April 15, 2005, Ralph Clayton enhanced his already impressive journalistic record when he received the Mildred Wallhausen Award from the Southeast Missouri Press Association on the beautiful campus of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau; and

Whereas, a member of the Missouri Press Association Hall of Fame, Ralph Clayton served twice as president of the Southeast Missouri Press Association and one year as president of the Missouri Press Association; and

Whereas, Ralph Clayton became a journalist in 1966 when he entered the newspaper publishing field after working in J.C. Penney management for thirteen years; and

Whereas, Ralph Clayton is an invaluable member of Sacred Heart Parish, Knights of Columbus, Bootheel Antique Car Klub, the Missouri Press Association, and the Caruthersville Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, recently retired from three terms on the Caruthersville City Council, Ralph Clayton also is justifiably proud to be known as the beloved husband of the former Polly Hayden; loving father of Teresa, Tommy, and Steve of Caruthersville and Kenny of Cape Girardeau; grandfather of four wonderful children; and son of Dorothy Clayton and the late W.E. Clayton:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Ralph Clayton for the Mildred Wallhausen Award from the Southeast Missouri Press Association and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Ralph Clayton of Caruthersville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry Swinger
District No. 162

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3288, adopted May 12, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker